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SUBJ: CHARTER FLIGHTS VENEZUELA-NETHERLAND ANTILLES

1. A SMALL CHARTER FLIGHTS WAR HAS BROKEN OUT BETWEEN THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND THOSE OF VENEZUELA, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN BOTH SIDES PROHIBITING CHARTER FLIGHTS TO VENEZUELA AND TO CURACAO AND ARUBA, RESPECTIVELY. SCHEDULED FLIGHTS ARE NOT AFFECTED.

2. THE DISPUTE AROSE WHEN THE ANTILLES CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY DENIED ALL CHARTER FLIGHTS REQUESTED BY LAV, THE VENEZUELAN CARRIER, DURING THE LONG WEEKEND JUNE 21-24, 1975. THE REFUSAL BEING BASED ON VENEZUELA'S PRIOR REFUSAL OF SEVERAL ALM CHARTERS TO VENEZUELA. VENEZUELA APPARENTLY BASED ITS DECISION ON THE FACT THAT ALM HAS PURCHASED SEVERAL DC-9-30 AIRCRAFT, WHICH CARRY MORE PASSENGERS THAN LAV'S DC-9-10. THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES STATED THAT IT HAS CARRIER BUT HAS FREQUENTLY MET WITH REFUSALS ON THE VENEZUELAN SIDE.

3. THE ANTILLES AUTHORITIES ADDED THAT WHILE LAV AND VIASA HAVE HAD OVER 80 CHARTER FLIGHTS THIS YEAR, AL HAD FEW AND WAS REFUSED TWO ADDITIONAL ONES.

4. WHILE LAV HAS LONG BEEN UNHAPPY ABOUT THE DISCREPANCY
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OF CAPACITY OFFERED ON THE SCHEDULED SERVICE, IT IS REPORTED

NOT TO HAVE DESIRED TO ENDANGER ITS LUCRATIVE CHARTER
BUSINESS. THE DECISION TO DENY PERMISSION FOR THE
TWO ALM CHARTERS ALLEGEDLY CAME FROM THE AIR TRANSPORT DIVISION
OF THE VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR
CONSULTATION WITH EITHER LAV OR VIASA.
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